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1. In the past 30 days there have been three terrorist incidents against American interests utilizing bombs which we and the FBI now believe to be a new campaign by a Palestinian terrorist group, the 15 May Group, which is located in Baghdad. This group is headed by Abu Ibrahim who is personally a sophisticated explosives expert.

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2. Fortunately only one of the three bombs has gone off and no one has taken public credit for that explosion. [REDACTED] has told that Abu Ibrahim is planning additional incidents, and one suitcase concealment has been sent to Bangkok from Baghdad in early September.

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3. The first incident was on 11 August when an explosion took place on a Pan American 747 which was arriving in Honolulu from Tokyo. The explosion took place under the seat and killed the occupant of the seat and blew a hole in the aircraft.

4. The second incident was on 25 August when an explosive device was found under the seat of a Pan American aircraft in Brazil which had arrived from London via Miami. This device had malfunctioned and is in the hands of the FBI. Analysis leads us and the FBI to believe that the device is like the one which exploded on 11 August.

5. The third incident in early September involved a Palestinian who is a resident of Iraq and was recruited by Abu Ibrahim to plant a bomb in the Hilton Hotel in Geneva. The Palestinian feared that he would lose his life and turned himself into the American Embassy. He is now providing details of his recruitment by Abu Ibrahim and what little he knows about the bomb mechanism to Swiss authorities. This is still very sensitive because we are attempting to turn him around to providing additional intelligence on the 15 May Group. This attempt will probably not prove to be possible. The third bomb is in the hands of Swiss authorities and is being examined by our expert and one from the FBI. Based on preliminary data it has the following in common with the first two Pan Am bombs:

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6. The Agency is working closely with the FBI to further analyze the two bombs we have on hand in order to develop new countermeasures to find this new type bomb in the future and to develop safe ways of rendering it safe when and if we do find it. Although the 15 May Group has not taken credit for this new campaign we all believe that additional bombs will soon appear targetted against American interests overseas in retaliation for the Israeli invasion of Lebanon.

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